

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION
DRINKING WATER PROGRAM

TO: VALHALLA WATER ASSOCIATION
2391 STONYVALE ROAD
TUNJUNGA, CA 91042

RE: VALHALLA WATER ASSOCIATION
2408 STONYVALE ROAD
TUNJUNGA, CA 910472-1024

SYSTEM NO. 1900599 – NOTICE OF VIOLATION (NOV)
No. 04_49_18N_063_1900599_02
TOTAL COLIFORM MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL (MCL)
AND
TOTAL COLIFORM (TCR) MONITORING AND REPORTING VIOLATION
DATED: August 1, 2018

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the VALHALLA WATER ASSOCIATION (System) is in violation of the *Total Coliform MCL* and the *Total Coliform Rule (TCR)* monitoring and reporting. The System collects one routine bacteriological sample per month; however, if the sample is found to be positive for total coliform or E. Coli., a minimum of four repeat samples shall be collected for each positive routine sample and the System is required collect at least five routine water samples from the distribution system the month following its return to compliance.

Total Coliform MCL

According to Section 64426.1(b)(2) of the Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR), a public water system is in violation of the total coliform MCL when a public water system which collects fewer than 40 samples per month has more than one sample collected during any month is total coliform positive.

Total Coliform Rule Monitoring Compliance

Section 64421 of Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR) requires that each water system to develop a routine sample siting plan as required in Section 64422; collect routine, repeat and replacement samples as required in Sections 64423, 64424, and 64425; and have all samples analyzed by laboratories approved to perform those analyses by the Division and report results as required in Section 64423.1.

According to the System's Bacteriological Sampling Siting Plan (BSSP) signed and dated on June 16, 2016, the System is required to collect 1 bacteriological sample per month from the distribution system. The System also identified in the approved BSSP the upstream and downstream repeat sample sites.

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Section 64424 of Title 22, CCR requires a water system to collect a repeat sample set within 24 hours of being notified by the laboratory of the positive result of a routine bacteriological sample. All the repeat samples must be collected within the same 24-hour time period. When collecting the repeat sample set, the water system must collect at least one repeat sample from the sampling tap where the original total coliform-positive sample was taken. Other repeat samples must be collected within five service connections upstream or downstream of the original site. At least one sample must be from upstream and one from downstream unless there is no upstream and/or downstream service connection.

On June 25, 2018, the System collected one routine sample from Sample Site #1. The routine sample collected was total coliform positive and E. Coli negative. On June 28, 2018, one repeat sample was collected from Sample Site #1. The repeat sample collected was total coliform positive and E. Coli negative. On July 9, 2018, one repeat sample was collected from Sample Site #1. The repeat sample was total coliform and E. Coli negative.

The System is hereby directed to:

1. Notify all persons within the area served by the System of the violation of Section 64426.1(b)(2) and Section 64421 no later than **August 8, 2018**. Under the Public Notification Rule, this violation is categorized as a Tier 2 violation. Section 64463.4(b) and Section 64421 of Title 22, CCR requires that the notification be conducted as soon as possible within 30 days after the water system learns of a violation. The System shall deliver the notice to water users within the required time period by mail or direct delivery. In addition, the System shall use one or more of the following methods to reach persons not likely to be reached by a mailing or direct delivery (renters, university students, nursing home patients, prison inmates, etc.): 1) publication in a local newspaper, 2) posting in conspicuous public places served by the District's water system, or on the Internet; or 3) delivery to community organizations. A template for conducting this notification is provided as **Attachment 1**.
2. The Certification of Tier Public Notice form must be completed and returned to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health, Drinking Water Program at swsadmin@ph.lacounty.gov no later than **August 11, 2018**. The Certification is provided as **Attachment 2**.
3. As a reminder, the Federal Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR) became effective on April 1, 2016. Under the RTCR, Level 1 assessment is triggered when a public water system collecting fewer than 40 samples per month has two or more total coliform positives in one month. The Level 1 assessment form example is provided as **Attachment 3**. Please submit a completed Level 1 Assessment to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health, Drinking Water Program at swsadmin@ph.lacounty.gov no later than **September 1, 2018**.

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4. Enclosed, as **Attachment 4**, in an invoice of \$299.00 for the enforcement activities associated with this violation. The invoice shall be paid by **September 1, 2018**.

The System is reminded that failure to comply by the deadlines specified above may result in citations and civil penalties.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Beverly Tway of the Drinking Water Program at (626) 430-5420.

Sincerely,



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Chief Environmental Health Specialist
Department of Public Health/Environmental Health Division

08/01/18
Date

